How do you know if it’s a **REAL** website?

**R—Read the URL**

The parts of a URL: [www.formanschool.org](http://www.formanschool.org)

Domain

Extension

You can learn a lot from the extension

Some types of extensions:

.edu: Higher Ed

.k12: US school site (not all US schools use this)

.net:  was Network, now unrestricted

.com: was commercial, now unrestricted

.mil: military

.gov: government

.org: organization

.uk, .ca, .za (and many others): Country Codes

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| More Reliable  (but there are no guarantees) | Watch out  (can be purchased by anybody) |
| .edu  .gov  .k12 | .com  .org  .net |

Are you on a personal page? Look for these clues:

* a name or username (ex. jdoe) in the URL
* a ~ (tilde) or %